

April 16, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, April 24, 2003, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Members of the MAG TRC may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of March 27, 2003 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of the March 27, 2003 meeting.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information and discussion.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

4. For information and possible action.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

5. Interim Close Out of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003 MAG Federally Funded Program

Following release of the Federal Funds available to the MAG region, the Interim Close Out List of Projects for the FFY 2003 MAG Federally funded program is attached as Table One. A comparison of the funds available and the projects programmed shows that approximately \$6.33 million is available from uncommitted funds in the current FFY and an additional \$5.25 million is available from projects that are being deferred. Members are requested to submit to MAG staff, any projects that they wish to compete for the funds available by the deadline of **Friday, May 16, 2003**. Some projects have already been submitted for consideration. Please refer to the memorandum in Attachment One for further information.

5. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to recommend projects to utilize the funds available in the Interim Close Out of the FFY 2003 MAG Federally Funded program.

6. Approval of the MAG High Capacity Transit Study

At the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) meeting on March 27, 2003, members expressed concern about accepting the High Capacity Transit (HCT) prior to having access to a completed final report. The final report is expected to be available in mid-April.

6. For information, discussion and acceptance of the MAG High Capacity Transit Study for incorporation in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Members of the TRC asked several questions about the HCT. Other issues and concerns were voiced prior to the meeting, and members were encouraged by the TRC Chair to address further issues with MAG staff. The enclosed memorandum (See Attachment Two) summarizes many of the comments received and provides a response to those questions.

Due to the complexity of the issues addressed in the study, the questions posed by the TRC were presented at the April meetings of the Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council. Approval of the study was delayed until these questions are addressed, with possible approval in May 2003. A representative from IBI Group, the prime consultant for the project, along with the MAG project manager, will be available to address questions of TRC members.

Completed working papers from the five milestones of the project, and the executive summary to the final report, are available on the MAG Web site at www.mag.maricopa.gov. A completed final report is expected within approximately one week.

7. Update on the Regional Transportation Plan Process

An update on the process to develop the new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the MAG Region will be provided. In particular, staff will report on guidance received from the Transportation Policy Committee at their meeting on April 16th. At that meeting, a set of performance measures was presented for acceptance by

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the TPC and input was requested regarding RTP transportation modeling scenarios. Please refer to the RTP Transportation Modeling Scenarios, which are available on the MAG Web site at the following link:

www.mag.maricopa.gov/detail.cms?item=2200

8. Update on AZTech

In fulfillment of coordination responsibilities between the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) and the AZTech Executive Committee, Mr. Tom Buick, Director, Maricopa County Department of Transportation and Co-Chairman of the AZTech Executive Committee will make a summary presentation on the current status and future direction of AZTech. Mr. Buick will share with the committee the progress that has been made in achieving the mission and goals of AZTech. The presentation will highlight the status of regional AZTech initiatives including system integration, arterial instrumentation, incident management, data archiving and traveler information. Mr. Buick will also focus on the institutional role of AZTech including strategies developed to meet the future challenges.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, May 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

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